



Thank you for attending the public input meeting for P.I. No. 0009640, the proposed SR 9 Pedestrian and Bicycle Enhancements over Chattahoochee River. In this handout package you will find a project description, location map and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. Roswell Department of Transportation and City of Sandy Springs representatives, who can be identified by the nametags they are wearing, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with a representative. There will be a brief presentation at 7:00 pm.

You may complete a comment card and deposit it into the box provided here or send in written comments about the project until November 8, 2011. Written comments should be sent to Ms. Kristen Wescott, Transportation Planning - Public Works Division, City of Sandy Springs, 7840 Roswell Road, Bldg. 500, Sandy Springs, GA. 30350. All comments will be made a part of the project record and will be used to develop the project concept. We hope you will take advantage of one of these opportunities to let the Department know your view of the proposal.

The displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after the input meeting at Sandy Springs City Hall located at 7840 Roswell Road, Bldg. 500, Sandy Springs, GA. 30350. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at this same location.

Again, thank you for attending this public input meeting and for giving us your comments.

Sincerely,

Kristen Wescott, AICP
Transportation Planning – Public Works Division

Attachments

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Description of the proposed project:

The project consists of the construction of pedestrian and bicycle bridge approximately 500-feet in length over the Chattahoochee River along SR 9 and a multi-use trail connecting the bridge to the SR 9/Azalea Dr./Riverside Rd. intersection on the north side of the river and the existing sidewalk along the east side of SR 9 on the south side of the river. Several retaining walls may be constructed to reduce impacts. The project will be designed for no impact the flood elevations on the Chattahoochee River in the vicinity of the project. The length of the project is envisioned to be approximately 0.20 miles (1000 ft.).

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SR 9/Chattahoochee River Bridge Pedestrian Improvements
Fulton, County
P.I. No. 0009640

Need and Purpose: *(Not approved by GDOT Planning Office)*

The purpose of this project is to provide a safe, functional, aesthetic pedestrian and bicycle bridge and multi-use trail across the Chattahoochee River along SR 9 adhering to ADA requirements and providing pedestrians and bicyclists a connection between the Cities of Roswell and Sandy Springs. As a result of increased connectivity to existing pedestrian facilities and less dependence on personal vehicles, air pollution and traffic congestion will be reduced.

Currently pedestrians and cyclists must use the existing SR 9 highway bridge to cross the river. This crossing is dangerous and unwelcoming for such use. The bridge consists of two parallel structures separated by a narrow open joint at the center of the narrow raised median. The eastern half of the bridge carries the two north bound lanes on a 1926 vintage multi span concrete arch bridge, and the western half carries the two south bound lanes on a 1970's vintage prestressed concrete girder bridge. The existing bridges are too narrow to be reconfigured for sidewalks or bicycle lanes. Pedestrian use is not encouraged and cyclists occupy the general purpose lanes.

The proposed pedestrian and bicycle trail and bridge, in conjunction with the Historic Gateway Project, will include pedestrian-scale lighting and other aesthetic amenities providing a gateway treatment for the Cities of Roswell and Sandy Springs and will revitalize the SR9 corridor promoting and enhancing recreational and multi-modal use of bicycle and pedestrian routes.

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ALTERNATIVES DESCRIPTION
SANDYSPRINGS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
P.I. No. 0009640
Fulton County, GA

SR 9 Pedestrian and Bicycle Enhancements
Over Chattahoochee River

October 11, 2011

Please Provide Us Your Comments

Your comments will help clarify resources within your community and assist the Project Team in reviewing the possible impacts associated with the proposed project alternatives. Sharing your thoughts and providing input also provides you an opportunity to participate with the Roswell Department of Transportation during this project's development.

The SR 9 project from Roberts Drive to Azalea Drive proposes enhance pedestrian and bicycle facilities, in conjunction with the Historic Gateway Project, and to connect the cities of Roswell and Sandy Springs via a pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the Chattahoochee River. The improvements would begin by tying into the existing sidewalk along the east side of SR 9 south of the Chattahoochee River, and would continue approximately 0.20 miles to the intersection of SR 9 and Azalea Drive/Riverside Road.

The information below provides a detailed description of the preliminary alternatives under consideration for the proposed project.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

ALTERNATIVE 1
WEST ALIGNMENT

The West Alignment Alternative would construct the 500-foot pedestrian and bicycle bridge parallel and to the west of the existing roadway bridge approximately 60-feet. The south end approach to the pedestrian and bicycle bridge would begin at existing sidewalk on the east side of SR 9 at Roberts Drive and cross SR 9 with the implementation of a pedestrian hybrid beacon for safety which would connect to the 200-feet of trail along the west side of SR 9 leading to the pedestrian and bicycle bridge.

This north end approach would consist of a spur trail to the west of the pedestrian and bicycle bridge connecting the bridge to the existing Riverwalk Trail and an 250-foot trail section with a 40-foot bridge crossing over the existing Riverwalk Trail and tying into the intersection of SR 9 and Azalea Drive/Riverside Road. The north approach would utilize several hundred feet of walls in order to reduce earthwork impacts of the new trail.

Alternative 1 would likely result in significant earthwork on the north bridge approach; however, it would not impact the Ivy and Laurel Mills Historic Ruins and result in the minimum necessary right-of-way acquisition.

ALTERNATIVE 2B EAST ALIGNMENT

The **Alternative 2B** would construct the 500-foot pedestrian and bicycle bridge parallel and to the east of the existing roadway bridge approximately 15-feet. The south end approach would tie-in to sidewalk on the east side of SR 9 at Roberts Drive. A pedestrian hybrid beacon at SR 9 and Roberts Drive would afford pedestrians and bicyclists a safe way to cross to the west side of SR 9.

The north end approach would consist of approximately 400-feet of new trail crossing over the existing Riverwalk Trail and running along the east side of SR 9 until it ties-in to the intersection with Riverside Road/Azalea Drive. The north end approach would be constructed with walls and a cantilevered section in order to avoid impacts on the Ivy and Laurel Mills Historic Ruins environmentally sensitive historic area.

Alternative 2B would avoid impacts to the Ivy and Laurel Mills Historic Ruins and requires the same right-of-way acquisition as Alternative 2B; however, Alternative 2B does not currently tie-in directly to the existing Riverwalk Trail. Alternates 2A and 2B could be combined to a single alternate if so desired.

ALTERNATIVE 2A EAST ALIGNMENT

The **Alternative 2A** would construct the 500-foot pedestrian and bicycle bridge parallel and to the east of the existing roadway bridge approximately 15-feet. The south end approach would tie-in to sidewalk on the east side of SR 9 at Roberts Drive. A pedestrian hybrid beacon at SR 9 and Roberts Drive would afford pedestrians and bicyclists a safe way to cross to the west side of SR 9.

The north end approach would consist of approximately 250-feet of new trail crossing over the existing Riverwalk Trail with a 40-foot bridge and tying into it to the east on the Ivy and Laurel Mills Historic Ruins Property. The entire north end approach would be constructed with walls in order to minimize the impacts on the environmentally sensitive historic area.

Alternative 2A would result in impacts to the Ivy and Laurel Mills Historic Ruins requires approximately double right-of-way acquisition compared to Alternative 1.

**ALTERNATIVE 3
NO BUILD**

The No-Build Alternative is one in which the Cities would take no action to construct the proposed project. While this alternative would avoid right-of-way and historic impacts, it is not prudent because it does not meet the project's need and purpose to enhance the pedestrian and bicycle facilities, improve safety and mobility, and provide a gateway treatment for the Cities.

Sandy Springs Public Works Department

Public Input Meeting Comment Card

Project: SR 9 Pedestrian and Bicycle Enhancements over Chattahoochee River

Fulton County, P.I. No. 0009640

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? ☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Conditional ☐ Uncommitted

Comments _____

How did you hear about this meeting? ☐ Radio ☐ Newspaper ☐ Signs ☐ Word of Mouth

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community.

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you. _____

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What is your preferred alternate? ☐ Alt 1 ☐ Alt 2A ☐ Alt 2B ☐ No Build

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Sandy Springs DOT conducts public meetings?

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